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ACTIVE TESTIMONY

O F T H E

True PRESBYTERIANS of SCOTLAND,
being a brief Abstract of Acknowledgment of Sins, and Engagement to Duties, &c.

A S A L S O,

A First and Second DECLARATION
of WAR against all the Enemies of
CHRIST at Home and Abroad.

A Fourth, Containing a *Declaration and Testimony* against the Late unjust Invasion of Scotland by CHARLES pretended Prince of Wales, and WILLIAM pretended Duke of Cumberland and their Malignant Emissaries.

And Five valuable Papers besides, all being the Second blast of the *Trumpet*.

Lam. iii. 40. *Let us search and try our Ways, and turn again to the LORD.*

Prov. xviii. 10. *The Name of the LORD is a strong Tower.*

Jer. l. 14. *Put your selves in Array against Babylon round about.*

Rev. xviii. 6. *Reward her as she hath rewarded you.*

Prov. xxviii. 15. *As a roaring Lion and a raging Bear, so is a wicked Ruler over the People.*

MEMORANDUM

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a summary of the information received from the various sources regarding the activities of the group during the past year.

2. The information was obtained from the following sources:

- a. Interviews with the members of the group.
- b. Review of the group's records and documents.
- c. Information received from the various sources who have been in contact with the group.

3. The information received from the various sources indicates that the group has been active in the past year, and has been engaged in a variety of activities, including:

- a. Meetings and discussions.
- b. Distribution of literature.
- c. Recruitment of new members.
- d. Collection of funds.
- e. Other activities.

4. The information received from the various sources also indicates that the group has been successful in its activities, and has been able to recruit new members and collect funds.

5. The information received from the various sources also indicates that the group has been successful in its efforts to distribute literature and collect funds.

6. The information received from the various sources also indicates that the group has been successful in its efforts to recruit new members.

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The PREFACE.

THESSE late Times have produced many great and sensible Changes in many, both Matters and Persons, and greater are to be expected, these extraordinary Commotions, whereby not our Kingdom alone, but most of the Neighbouring Nations, are, at this very Hour, so terribly shaken, we trust they shall prove Preparations for a glorious Work. Doubtless e'er long, the Scene of the World must be changed, the Man of Sin, and Shame (with all his Limbs) must be beaten from the Stage, which he hath long possessed; Israel and Judah with the Fulness of the Gentiles must be brought in, that both may mourn after CHRIST the common Saviour. The shakings of the Heavens and the Earth are the LORD's Prologues, that the desire of all Nations shall come, and recover his own Rights, and plead his own Cause, and take the Prey from the Mighty, and deliver his Captives from the Hands of their Oppressors: His antecedent Acts which must be fulfilled with such joyful Conclusions, where we are most likely to be split upon the Rocks of desperate Dangers: Then should we cast up within the Vail the holy Anchor of Hope, the strong Cabel of our confident Expectation.

In the subsequent Papers, are Variety of Matters, in different Times and Exigences and Events that hath passed over the Church's Head, since that sad and woful Catastrophe of overturning and ruining the Work of GOD in these Lands, and burying and bearing down the same to this our Day, are to all the true Lovers of Zion that take Pleasure

sure in her Stones, and favour the Dust thereof, Matter of Grief, Lamentation, Mourning and Woe; and altho' Hope deferred maketh the Heart Sick, yet when it comes, is as the Tree of Life, then in Faith and Patience let us possess our Souls, and watch and wait for the coming of the Bridegroom, who will build up his Zion and make Jerusalem the Praise of the whole Earth, and bring utter Ruin upon Babylon.

No doubt, at these simple but sound Papers, the Criticks will carp, the Rabshakehs will rail, the Merathaims or the two Rebels will rage and rave, the bloody Hounds will gape and threaten to devour and swallow up as the Grave. The Laodicians and the Job-trot Professor will mutter murmur and inform, and buzzing about as so many Wasps with their Stings ready sharpned, and all the Midianites and Amalakites will be aloft, to execute their Conjunct designed Fury against these Epistles and their Authors.

But we can tell them, that we neither love their Cause, nor fear their Persons, but through the strength of the mighty Jehovah we hold them at open Defiance, if they have Number, we have Weight, we have each but one Life to lose, and neither have they any Power over that, till they get a Permission from above, and then Welcome the divine Dispensation, be it when it will. The Design of publishing those Papers at this Times are, first, the Glory of GOD. 2dly, the Vindication of Truth. 3dly, As a Testimony against all the regnant Evils and Defections of our Day. And 4thly, The Information and Edification of others, and to be a Mean to facilitate an Union amongst all that wish well to our Zion, and long for the down coming of Babylon.

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ACTIVE TESTIMONY

O F T H E

True Covenanted PRESBYTERIANS
of SCOTLAND, containing an Ab-
stract of Acknowledgment of Sins,
and Engagement to DUTIES, &c.

IT is the wonderful and unspeakable Mercy of God in CHRIST JESUS, that passeth all Understanding, that there is a Remedy provided, and a Saviour sent into the World to save lost and Self-destroying Sinners, and that his Obedience to the Law, and his satisfying divine Justice is accepted in the Stead, Room and Behalf of Elect Sinners; so that they are not only delivered from Hell and Wrath by the Death and Sufferings of CHRIST, but have a Right to the Inheritance among the Saints in Light by his active and passive Obedience to the Law; so that he is made unto Sinners, Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification and compleat Redemption; moreover, the Care, Concern, Love of the Head and Law-giver is further manifested in his giving them good Laws, pure Ordinances, just Censures and Government of his own Moulding, and prescribed a Parity amongst Officers of the same Kind, with this peremptory Charge, *to hold fast till he come*; but alas, they have done Violence to the Law, changed the Ordinances, and broken the everlasting Covenant; and as *Scotland* was blessed with a greater Degree of Reformation in all its Parts, and the Purity of the Gospel,

Gospel, with the superadded Ties of our National and Solemn League and Covenant above most Nations in the World : So our Defections, Perjuries and Apostasies from God, his Truths, Cause and Covenants is unparalleled, Heaven-daring, wicked and notorious, and our Judgments for the same seem to be inevitable, and hastneth apace ; and therefore it is our incumbent Duty to ly low in the Dust before him, and to confess and forsake Sin, that we may find Mercy and Grace to help in Time of Need : Which in the Divine Assistance, and in all Humility, we do as follows.

1st. We acknowledge and bewail the Sin of Church and State respectively, in inserting and ratifying that Clause in the 4th Sect. of the 23^d Chap. of the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, “ (viz.) *Infidelity or Difference in Religion* doth not make void the *Magistrates* just and legal Authority, nor free the People from their due Obedience to them.” Whereas the Scope of the Scripture, 1 *Pet.* ii. Chap. 13, 14, 15. adduced to prove it, clearly imports, that Magistrates just and legal Authority, to whom Obedience for Conscience Sake is due, must be One who is qualified, and doth govern according to the preceptive Will of God, to the Punishment of Evil-doers, and to the Praise of them that do well, which Infidels and Persons of a false Religion are incapable of, being Slaves to the Devil and their own Lust, that rules in the Children of Disobedience. The foresaid Clause is also contrary to many other Texts of holy Scripture, such as *Exod.* xviii. 26. *Deut.* i. 9. *Deut.* xvi. 18. 20. *Eccl.* ii. *Sam.* xxiii. 3, and 4. *Psalms* xciv. 20, 21. *Rom.* xiii. 1, and 7. and 1 *Cor.* i. 7. and to the whole preceeding Part of the said 23^d Chap. of the said *Confession*, where the Office of the civil Magistrate’s just and legal Authority is described after such a Manner as is absolutely inconsistent and incompatible with Infidelity, or the Profession of a false or heretical Religion, as is the Case betwixt us and the present *Dominators*.

2^{dly}, The Sin of State and Church respectively in inserting and ratifying that Clause, Sect. 4. Chap. xix. of

of the said *Confession*, (*viz.*) That the Civil and Judicial "Law given by God, by the Hand of *Moses* to "*Israel*, expired together with the State of that People, not obliging any now, further than the Moral "Equity doth require." Which Clause we reject as Groundless and Unreasonable, but affirm, that the whole Civil and judicial Law of God, as given to *Israel* by *Moses*, (abstracting from what is Ceremonial and Typical, or what has a special Relation to the peculiar Circumstances of that People, and what was permitted them anent Polygamy, Divorce, Slaves, &c. because of the Hardness of their Hearts.) It is one special Part of the Moral Law, that perfect and eternal Rule of Righteousness delivered to Mankind, containing a System of Precepts for the Ministration of Justice and right ordering of civil Societies and Commonwealths for ever, binding all Nations, and all Men, as well Believers, as others, to the Obedience thereof, and that not only in regard to the Matter contained in it, but also in Respect of the Authority of God the Creator who gave it, which Authority and Obligation, *Christ* in the Gospel doth not any Way abrogate, but very much strengthens and confirms, as *Matth.* v. 17, 18, 19. *Rom.* iii. 31. *Ja.* ii. 8. 11. 1 *Jo.* ii. 3. 4, 7. and 1 *Jo.* iii. 4. And yea moreover, 'tis most certain, That the Ceremonial Law itself, had still remained in full Force, and of perpetual Obligation, by the Virtue and Authority of its first Promulgation, had not the Law-giver repealed it, it being fulfilled in the Death of *CHRIST*; so that we must look upon the several Kingdoms and Commonwealths of *Europe*, at this Day as guilty of worshipping the Image of the Beast, and even in this Respect (amongst others) that they have rejected and laid aside the Civil and judicial Law of GOD delivered to *Israel*, as the Basis of their Constitution and National Laws, both as to its Matter and Authority, and instead thereof, hath made the *Roman*, *Pagan*, and *Papish* Civil and Canon Laws, together with their own corrupt Reason, Inclination and Convenience, the supreme Rule and Square of the Nation-

al Laws and Constitution consider *Psal.* cxlvii. 19, 20. *Acts* xiv. 15. 16. *Rev.* v. 11. and *Rev.* xviii. 14, 15. &c.

3dly, We acknowledge the Sin of these Lands in Church and State respectively, in not proceeding to just Censures and Punishment against that notorious Tyrant *Charles* the I. for his wicked Opposition to the Work of GOD and Reformation of these Lands, and for the horrid and cruel Massacre of *Ireland*, and for his other repeated Acts of Oppression, Sacrilege, Blood and Tyranny, and labouring to introduce *Papery*, Slavery, Atheism and Profanity into these Lands, by persecuting these, that refused to read the Book of Sports on the *Sabbath-day*, &c.

4thly, The Sin of State and Church, in entring into publick Resolutions, bringing in, and admitting the Malignant Party into Places of Power and Trust, contrary to the Word of GOD, and express Tenor of our Covenants, which produced most woful Effects, a Sin yet lying heavy upon us and the Land even at this very Day, the same sinful Courses, Practice and footing, being continued to the Detriment and Hindrance of all true Religion and Reformation in the Land.

5thly, We desire to mourn for the Sins of these Lands, for the proclaiming and receiving *Charles* II. as King over *Britain* and *Ireland*, who was embarked in, and combined with his Father in the same malignant Cause and Interest both in Principle and Practice, as was evident thro' the whole Series of his Course and Conduct, and in all the Sham Treaties he had with the Commissioners sent to him, he discovered himself to be a juggling and profane Atheist and Deceiver.

6thly, We acknowledge the Sin of Church and State, in not erecting a true Magistracy, conform to the Word of GOD and Scope of our Covenants, but basely submitting to the Usurpation of *Oliver Cromwel*, whose Administration and Proceedings were one continued Act of Tyranny and Perjury, while he tolerated and maintained the perfidious and wicked Sectarians of all Sorts, and

and thereby did most openly and avowedly violate the chief End of our Holy and sacred Covenants.

7thly, We bewail the Sin of State and Church, in persecuting and excommunicating that eminently pious, good and brave Man Colonel *Strachan*, for his Duty, in rejecting wicked *Charles* the II. and his cursed malignant Interest; which Sin lies yet heavy upon the Land.

8thly, The Sin of Church and State respectively, in the second Reception of perfidious *Charles* the II. in the Year 1660, when he was so knowingly an inveterate Enemy to the Work of Reformation, yea, to Christianity itself; and thereafter in the Year 1662, and downwards, still adhering to him, when breaking down, ruining and overturning the whole Work of Reformation, by the Act Rescissory, made by Virtue of the blasphemously usurped Supremacy (by him assumed) accompanied with treacherous insinuating Indulgences, designed for breaking and dividing the LORDS People, and enforced by his continued, avowed, horrid Acts of Blood, Sacrilege and Tyranny.

9thly, The Sin of the Land, in owning, maintaining and complying with the usurped Supremacy, continued and enlarged, the wicked deceitful, and Hell-hatched Tolerations sought and granted, and all the other many wicked Laws, perjurious Oaths, and bloody Acts made, imposed, and executed contrary to the Word of GOD, and all Laws divine and humane, during the Usurpation and Tyranny of that Bloody, Idolatrous, Jesuited Papist *James* Duke of *York*, who deserved Censure rather than a Crown, or the Rule of a Christian People, &c.

10thly, We acknowledge the Sin of the Land in soliciting, receiving, owning and maintaining *William* Prince of *Orange*, *Anna* Princess of *Denmark*, and the *George's* Dukes of *Hannover* to be chief Magistrates in these Lands without Regard to, or requiring Scripture and Covenant-Qualifications in them, or any others in Power and Trust under them, while they also exercise an usurped Erastian Power over the Church, and Oppression and Tyranny in the State; as is evident and

manifest from their establishing and settling a mock Presbyterian Government upon the People's wavering Inclinations, and consequently denying it to be of Divine Right, tho' it be in reality for their own Convenience and worldly Ease; and so has the bloody usurped Supremacy for its Foundation, and their contriving and setting on the inhumane Massacre of *Glenco*, &c, and the Destruction of *Darian*, which fatal and grievous Blow *Scotland* feels the Smart thereof to this very Day; and their Tyranny and Oppression with heavy and exorbitant Taxes to maintain vile Strumpets, Pensioners and Panders for Hell, besides most arrogantly assuming a Power to pardon Murderers, Swearing, profaning the holy Sabbath, being a Terror to the Good, and Encourager of Evil-doers, and all Manner of Wickedness, and Immoralities of all Sorts and Sizes, needs no Demonstration; being obvious to every Man's View and Experience: Therefore on these and the like Grounds and Reasons, We hold, esteem and declare it a grievous Sin to own, maintain, support or defend the present Duke of *Hannover*, or his Posterity, or any Men of their Practice, either *Popish*, *Prelatick*, *Eras-tian*, *Sectarian* or *Lutheran* in Principle, or any other Usurpers in State or Church, which at this Day are entirely composed of Malignants and abominable Sec-taries of all Sorts, and of monstrous Shapes and frightful Visages.

11thly, The Sin of the dissenting Party, in relinquish-ing the Active Testimony expressly contained in the Covenants both National and Solemn League, and fur-ther prosecuted and owned by these eminent Martyrs, Messieurs *Cameron*, *Cargill*, *Haxton*, *Hall*, *Skeen*, *Bal-four*, &c. according to the Tenor of *Rutherglen*, *San-guhar* and *Lanerk* Declarations, and *Queens-Ferry* Paper in the Year 1680 and 1682, while they endeavoured to set up a godly Magistracy and form a civil State. And as the first Step towards that laudable Design did invest themselves (in a Convention) with authoritative Pow-er, by Virtue whereof they deposed the Tyrants then in Being, and declared War against them and all their

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Associate in Principle and Practice, &c. but the dissenting Party has renounced the Active Testimony both materially and formally. See Informatory Vindication, Head 2d. And has overturned the very Principles of a covenanted Reformation by their negative, passive Testimony, in such a Measure, that according to their Way, all Prospects of national Reformation or bringing down the Kingdom of *Antichrist*, in Time coming, is entirely cut off and frustrated, except by the *Primores regni*, (as they speak) or a whole complex Body Politick, or the greatest Part of the Nation.

Now granting the Duties of the Covenants, national and solemn League, were, That all the Members of the Common-wealth should conjunctly and severally endeavour Reformation, moving every one in their proper Places and Callings, and that (continuing faithful so to do) none could have, without unjust Invasion, entered upon the Place, Calling or Office, of another : Yet it is plain and evident to a Demonstration, that the *Primores* as they call themselves, and others, have forfeited their Right (if ever they had any) by neglect of Duty, Defection, Perjury, and other high Crimes and Misdemeanors, &c. It is not only lawful for, but the indispensable Duty of others that would not be found alike guilty, tho' in an inferior Station, to supply the Places of these Forfeitters and Traitors to God and their Country, and to stand to the general Obligations, which all and every one were bound conjunctly and severally to see the Duty performed, by substituting in their Places, Callings and Offices, Men of sound Principles, suitable Practices and blameless Conversation, to be Magistrates and Rulers, for the Ends and Effects aforesaid, &c.

12thly, We acknowledge the Sin of such, that altho' adhering to a Negative, Passive Testimony, but yet usurping the Holy Office of the Ministry under Pretence of an extraordinary or mixed Call, without so much as apparent Right, Qualification, or the Formality of the Call of an Eldership, tho' even that from Men of their own Principles were invalid : Therefore

we declare them and all others in general, Intruders, that have done, do, or shall usurp the said Office of the Ministry, until the Concurrence can be had of an Eldership, constituted of a sufficient Number of able judicious Christians, faithfully adhering to our Covenanted Engagements, and prosecuting the Ends of our holy Covenants under a lawful Magistracy, which Eldership (according to their Measure) may fully try the Ability of such as offer themselves Candidates to the holy Ministry, and proceed in the most legal Way, practicable in such a Case of Necessity, to Election or Ordination; unless any Man or Men can solidly instruct and prove, upon good and valid Grounds, his or their Call, Commission or Mission to be extraordinary or immediate: In that Case we shall rest satisfied and well content with the Divine Dispensation; but wanting this, we must have Recourse to the ordinary Means prescribed in his Word, which is the unerring Rule in all Duties, and at all Times, &c.

A Solemn Engagement to Duties.

1st. **W**E engage to own and avouch the only true and living GOD, FATHER, SON and HOLY GHOST, to be our GOD, and to close with his Way of Redemption by his SON JESUS CHRIST, and to rely upon his Righteousness, as that alone, whereby a Sinner can be justified in the Sight of GOD, sanctified and saved, and made meet and fit to be Partakers of the Inheritance amongst the Saints in Light.

2^{dly}, We engage to hold and esteem the holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments; for a full and compleat Rule of Faith and Practice, and endeavour to walk by that Rule in our Lives and Conversation, as becometh Professors of the Gospel, &c.

3^{dly}, To adhere to the *Westminster Confession of Faith* (excepting the Defects above-mentioned in the Acknow-

knowledge of Sins, 1st. and 2^d. Articles) and *Catechisms*, *Larger* and *Shorter*, *Sum of saving Knowledge*, *Directory for Worship*, Acknowledgment of Sins, and Engagement to Duties, and Presbyterian Church-Government, and to our Solemn and sacred Covenants, National and Solemn League, and the antient Coronation Oath of *Scotland*, as agreeable to, and founded upon GOD's most holy Word.

4^{thly}, We engage to adhere to the Civil Law of GOD, delivered to his People by *Moses* (excepting as in the 2^d Article of Acknowledgment of Sins) as the Basis of all other Laws to be made; declaring that no Regulations shall be in Force that interferes with, or contrary to, or Invalidates the same, or any Part of them.

5^{thly}, To own, adhere to, and support Civil Government and Rulers according to GOD's preceptive Will, *viz.* Judges, Counsellors and Officers; Regard being had to the Civil and Judicial Law aforesaid, for their Qualifications and Admission, *viz.* Men fearing GOD, and hating Covetousness, Men of Truth, and known among the Tribes, just, ruling in the fear of GOD, &c. as *Exod.* xviii. 21, 22. *Deut.* xvi. 18. 19. and 1 *Sam.* xxiii. 4.

6^{thly}, To appoint a great Council, consisting of a compleat Number of Elders, or chief Judges, to receive and hear all Appeals in Matters Civil or Criminal, and to put in Execution all Laws and Regulations agreed upon, and publickly established through the Land, especially amongst the Community that embraces the above Truths, &c.

7^{thly}, To erect and establish all other necessary Courts of Justice, as the same shall be found most conducive to the Glory of GOD and the good of the Nation and Common-wealth, in a general Convention of the States of the Land and Kingdom of *Scotland*.

8^{thly}, We do solemnly engage to restore and constitute, with all possible Diligence and Dispatch, a formal National Presbyterian Church, enjoying her antient Power and Privileges, and Ecclesiastical Government.

vernment, distinct from the Civil Government of the State, and with all her just Rights and Privileges (as the same do, or shall appear from GODS Word) her Meetings in Kirk-Sessions, Presbyteries, Synods, and General-Assemblies, and our States are hereby expressly obliged to ratify and confirm, by their Civil Sanction, all her just Laws, Acts and Censures, and to defend and secure her Hedge, by punishing Capitally obstinate Invaders, and gross Offenders, in a just, legal and suitable Way, in Proportion to their Demerit.

9thly, We engage to assert, restore and maintain the absolute and free Independency and Sovereignty of our State, against all unjust Invaders and Oppressors at Home and Abroad, and to bring to Trial and condign Punishment all such as have eminently transgressed in this Kind, or Manner already, or shall be convicted thereof, in any Time coming, without Respect of Persons.

10thly, We engage to rescind, abolish and cancel all former Civil Acts and Laws of State whatsoever, that are not founded upon common Equity, or the Law and Word of GOD, and particularly, the present impious and cursed Union, so destructive to Religion and Liberty; and all other Acts and Laws that are any Way prejudicial to, or a Hindrance of the true Religion, the Liberty and Independence of the Land, and the real and just Sovereignty thereof; but to renew, ratify and confirm all such Acts and Laws as shall be found agreeable to the Word of GOD, and consistent with our Covenanted Engagements, and founded upon Equity, and apparently conducive to the publick Good.

11thly, We engage for the Relief of the Poor, and more comfortable Subsistence of the Commons, and the general Increase of the Substance of the whole Land; We shall prohibite the Importation of all foreign Goods, Manufactures and Commodities not truly conducive, nor necessary to the publick Good and National Interest in general, and that we never shall impose nor suffer to be imposed, under any Pretence whatsoever, any Tax, Burden or Impost upon the Produce, or Manufactures,
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of our own Land, neither upon their Consumption at Home, or Exportation Abroad to foreign Places.

12thly, We solemnly engage, in the Divine Strength and Assistance, to cleanse the Land of all Hereticks, Seducers, false Prophets, Deceivers, and pestilent Movers of Sedition, such as Popery, Prelacy, Erastianism, Sectarianism, and other Evils contrary to sound Doctrine and the Power of Godliness, and shall endeavour to suppress and bear down all Vice, Superstition, Immoralities, Stage-Plays, Sabbath-breakers, Swearers, Adulterers, and all Profanity whatsoever, and in whomsoever they be found.

Moreover, we engage by the Assistance aforesaid, not only to prosecute the Ends of our Covenants, National and solemn League, by endeavouring the Restoration and Establishment of a Covenanted Work of Reformation, throughout *Scotland, England and Ireland*; but as the LORD will give Power and Success, we shall endeavour the Advancement of the Kingdom of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, in Opposition to Antichrist, and all his Associates and Abettors whatever, to the utter Ruin of *Babylon*, or the Kingdom of Antichrist and Satan, by prosecuting the Ends of a Covenanted-Reformation throughout other Lands, by the Word, and also by the Sword, that the LORD may be one, and his Name one throughout all the Earth; and particularly, that our Elder Brethren, the long rejected *Jews*, may embrace the glorious Light of the Gospel, and be saved according to the faithful Promises of GOD in his Word, and all stumbling Blocks being removed out of the Way; we shall of all Nations of the Earth give them the Right-Hand of Fellowship, and assist them to the utmost of our Power, in recovering and setting them in their own Land, even the Land of *Canaan*, given to their Fathers; their Restoration and Salvation, both Spiritual and Temporal, being fully held out and manifested in the Divine Oracles, that they and we may live in Faith and Love and Comforts of the HOLY GHOST, and that the Glory of GOD may be advanced and the Kingdom of CHRIST enlarged to the utmost Bounds

Bounds of the habitable World, and the Knowledge of GOD may cover the Earth, as the Waters cover the Sea, &c.

At Edinburgh, Sic Subscribitur.

JOHN HALDEN.

JAMES LESLIE.

A DECLARATION of WAR against all the Enemies of CHRIST at Home and Abroad.

WE the most Serene and most Potent in the LORD, the covenanted States of the Common-Wealth of *Scotland*, and adhering to the annexed Testimony; and according to the Tenor thereof, being chosen Representatives, with full Power to this Effect, do, by Vertue of our Authority, in a Legal Way and Manner, conform to the said Testimony, as the only Standard of Truth, the Adherence whereof in Principle and Practice, as they severally relate; shall be held and reputed the Claim of Right, that any Person may plead Interest in our Favour and Protection, or Title, with other needful Qualifications to Places of Power and Trust in State and Church, declaring the Articles of Engagement to Duties, to have the full Force of Foundamental Laws, to take Place immediately after due Publication hereof; so we, in the Name of the Lord JESUS CHRIST, the sole and only King of the whole Earth, and supreme Head of our State, and in our own Name and Authority, as his Vicegerents; do solemnly declare a War, against *Turk, Pope and Prelates*, and all their Associates and Abettors whatever, without League or Truce, for ever; and against all Powers whatsoever, that refuse to submit their Necks to the Yoke of King JESUS, or denies true and full Obedience to his revealed Laws, in State and Church, until his

King.

Kingdom be settled, according to the Gift of the Father, from Sun rising to the setting thereof.

Finally, against all Usurpers or Deniers of our just Authority, Contemners of our just Laws, now, or hereafter to be emitted, and all pretended Neutrals within our Dominions, or else where, being our Subjects. AND WHEREAS, by the just Judgment of GOD upon us for all our Abominations and Perjuries in Despite and Contempt of all former Mercies, and our former solemn Engagements, the Land is now brought under cruel Slavery and Bondage, and oppressed by two principal Factions, one adhering to the Duke of *Hanover*, a Foreigner by Birth, of a false Religion, long since abjured by us, having no Manner of Claim, but by Virtue of the accursed Union, which we hereby expressly disclaim, renounce, and abrogate, as impious in its self, utterly inconsistent with our covenanted Engagements, the Sovereignty and Independence of our Estate. Declaring all the Authors, and active Abettors thereof, Enemies to God, and Traitors to their Country,

The other Faction, adhering to a *Papish* Pretender, who, by his open and avowed Profession, is a gross Idolater, a sworn Slave to *Antichrist*, and by the Law of God, should die the Death, as he further deserves, for his frequent invading of our Lands with Fire and Sword, and his being the Cause of so much Blood-shed; which we hope, by God's Strength doubly to repay him and his Adherents. We declare, we shall free the Lands from these, and all other Enemies of whatever Denomination, and execute true Justice and Judgment according to God's Laws, without Partiality or Respect of Persons, as we tender the Favour of Almighty God, and enact such Laws as are agreeable to, and founded on the Civil and judicial Laws, agreeable to our Christian Liberty, and Moral Equity, and see the same duly execute.

We voluntarily offer our Assistance to the utmost of our Power, to all Nations, or Parties of People, that are willing to advance CHRIST and their own Rights,

Civil and Ecclesiastick, on their firm Adherence to the above Truths, and true Endeavours to bring them to Practice, as really, as if they were entered into express League with us; and in particular, we offer to the *Jews*, on their embracing and receiving CHRIST JESUS our common LORD and SAVIOUR, and walking worthy of him, not only to Treat with them as a free independent Nation, but will give them only of all Nations of the Earth our Right-hand of Fellowship, as our elder Brethren, and receive them kindly into our Country, and use our faithful Endeavours to restore them their hereditary Country, the Land of *Canaan*, in Opposition to all Power whatever that may withstand it, and to do them all possible Favour and Honour they can expect or desire.

We charge all our Country-men, and the Inhabitants of these covenanted Lands, to seek earnestly of GOD, the Grace of true and sincere Repentance, for what Hand they and we have had, in provoking him to Anger, by our gross Defections from him, either actively or passively; of which few, if any are clear, that he may take Pleasure to unite us again in Truth and Holiness, and turn from his fierce Wrath.

AND FINALLY, we require and command all our loving Subjects, of what Station soever, they now do, or shall hereafter lawfully enjoy, to give us open and undoubted Proof of their Loyalty to us, and our lawful Officers, in the just Execution of their respective Offices by Sea or Land, by giving them true Aid, Assistance and Obedience, as the Law of GOD wills, and hereby charge in our own Name and Authority our Heralds at Arms, and other proper Officers, to see, and cause this our Declaration to be published in due Form, at the proper and usual Places, as they shall Answer the contrary, at their utmost Peril.

Given at *Laudinum*, 29. Day of *October*, 1739,
being the first Year of our Covenanted States.
Signed and Counter-signed.

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A Second DECLARATION of WAR against all the avowed and declared Enemies of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and his Righteous Cause.

WE true *Presbyterans*, the Successors of the famous Convention at *Lanark* assembled *Anno* 1682, owning and adhering to the same Cause, and espousing the same Truths and Testimony with them, do, in the Name of the true and living GOD, and by Virtue of their Authority, (yet remaining unshaken, for all the Efforts made against it by pretended Friends and open Enemies) and our own radical and inherent Rights, pursuing the same Quarrel, and prosecuting the same War against the same Enemies of CHRIST our King, under whose Banner, and by whose Strength and Conduct we declare a War against the *Turk*, *Pope* and *Prelates*, and all their Associates, Adherents, Partakers and Supporters whatsoever, without any Parley, Treaty of Peace, Capitulation, Composition, Truce, or any Transaction with them or any of them for ever, that may in the least be derogatory to Truth, or make us surcease from our Duty; and we, in the same Name, and by Viriue of the Authority aforesaid, declare a War against all Murderers and Persecuters of the Innocent, and in a Particular Manner, against the thrice cursed ravenous andrapacious bloody House of *Austria*, and the violent and virulent Tyger of *Savoy*, who have shed Seas of the Saints Blood, and laid waste and ruined the once famous and flourishing Churches in *Hungary*, *Bohemia*, and the two *Sicilies* the *Palatine*, *Piedmont*, and many other Places in *Germany* and *Belgium*, and hath shed more Christian Blood than either *Turk* or *Tartar*, or all the Nations in *Europe* ever did upon a religious Account, for which
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they ought and may get Blood to drink, for they re worthy, and the Cup that they have filled to others, should be filled to them double; and to all their Confederates, Associates, till they be exterminated from off the Face of the Earth, as the greatest Scourge and Plagues that ever the World saw.

Moreover we, in the Name and by the Authority aforesaid, declare a War against the Sacrilegious Throne of *Britain*, and the Possessors thereof, with all their Supporters, Abettors, Aiders and Confederates whatsoever, by Sea or Land, at Home or Abroad, for all their Violence and Villanies in laying waste our LORD's Heritage, razing, overturning, bearing down the Cause of CHRIST, and Work of Reformation in these Lands, burning and burying our Holy Covenants, and building their Babels, and rearing up their Prelatical and Erastian Fabricks upon the Ruins thereof, and also most blasphemously usurping the Royal Prerogative of the eternal Son of GOD, who is the alone and undoubted King and Head of his Church, which is his Body; yet they daringly presume to rob him of the same, by claiming a Headship over the Church and by Virtue of that Usurpation, they call and dissolve spiritual Courts and Assemblies, and prescribing Causes and appointing Diets and Days of Fasting and Thanksgiving throughout the Land, and presenting and forcing Incumbents upon most Parishes without the Peoples Consent, and many other Invasions and Inroachments made upon CHRIST's Freehold by the Occupant upon the Throne of *Britain*, and his black Cabal, for which they must be accountable one Day; and for all their other Abominations and Wickedness in protecting and pardoning Murderers, and encouraging all Sorts of evil Doers, as Juggler-Plays and their Haunters, Cursers, Swearers, Prophanners of the Sabbath-Day, Whoredoms of all Kinds, Pimps and Panders for Hell, and also for their horrid sinful Conjunction and Association and Confederation, with these Idolatrous, bloody, butchering Burriers, the *Austrian Jezebel* and *Sardinian Ahab*, (and now with
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France, Spain and Italy, and all the Limbs of Anti-christ) and their Abettors, and for all their Tyranny, Oppressions, heavy Taxes, imposing unlawful Oaths, Bribery and Corruption, and many other tremendous Wickednesses too long here to relate.

Also we, in the Name and by the Authority aforesaid, declare a War against the Pestilential Sect of Seceders, for their mad and stupid Loyalty to the Idolatrous Throne of *Britain*, and their supporting the same with all their Might, and for their wicked and pernicious Principles, affirming that Mgisstracy is founded upon mere Nature, and so consequently is not the Ordinance of GOD; as if GOD who made the World had casten off all Care of the same, and left it only to be governed by Mans Inventions, and their destroying and overturning our Reformation Principles, by mangling, curtailing and clipping our Solemn-Covenants, or else laying them wholly aside, and burying them in Oblivion, and substituting a spurious Brat of their own begetting in their Room, Place and Stead; and for their malicious Lies and Reproaches cast upon the LORD's People in these Lands, and their gadding about and traversing through the Land like light Mountebanks seducing and deceiving the unstable, giddy Multitude with their fair Speeches and plausible Pretences, and for their wicked and audacious Act in daring to summon before their unhallowed Conclave, and for Noncompearance to excommunicate many true *Presbyterians*, both Ministers and People in this Land, merely for their Duty in opposing in some small Measure their inconsistent, new and strange Way: And yet in the mean Time leaving all the prophane Debauchees, Blasphemers, Jugglers, Atheists, Idolaters, and the wicked Throne untouched with their Wooden-Sword, and altho' their Fulmination be of no more avail, and are as little to be regarded, as the cursed *Pope's* Bulls against the Protestants, yet their implacable Malice is never a Whit the less against the Truth and its Owners; and as they have no Authority but what they arrogantly usurp to themselves over these Innocent People, so they con-

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renn, despise and defy them and their blunt Wooden-Sword. The Rebound thereof will come back upon themselves with a Vengeance, to their Shame and Confusion of Face; and many other Crimes of which they are culpable, and for which, they must be accountable and pay the Cost e'er long.

Finally, against all other Sectaries of the old and new Stamp, with *Erasians* and *Arminians*, and against all Reproachers of the Saints dead or living, and all Image-makers and their Associates and Maintainers of that pernicious Principle, that common Providence is the Rule of our Duty; and all Apostates, and Deserters of Truth and Duty, and against all Halters, Loiterers and Neutrals, that refuse or delay to embrace the Truth as it is in JESUS, and to maintain and defend the same to the utmost of their Power.

Now we earnestly intreat and invite all, or any of the Parties or Persons aforesaid, to leave of their *Babel-building*, and come out from *Antichrist's* Camp, and join themselves to the LORD and his Cause and Interest, and help him against the Mighty, or else they may expect the heavy Doom and Curse of *Meroz*, &c. We charge and command you, our Substitutes to see and cause this our Declaration be published in due Form, at the Publick and usual Places, as they will answer at their Peril. Given at *Hemlock-ridge*, on the third Day of *April* Years by Command, Signed.

Signed

Counter Signed,

J. H.

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A DECLARATION and TESTIMONY against the Late Invasion of *Scotland*, by the two young Pretenders, *viz. Charles* *and William.*

Such hath ever been the inveterate Malice of Satan (that old fiery Serpent) against the Church of God, that he hath partly, by bloody Butcheries and open Hostilities, and partly by Seduction and contagious Heresies, sought utterly to quench and extinguish the glorious Light of the Word of God and the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST, that (all Men sitting in Darkness) he might the sooner blow up the whole Frame of the House of God. How far the Powers and pretended Potentates of the Earth have been conducive thereunto, and advanced themselves in his Service, the Experience of all Ages and our own Histories do sufficiently declare, the greatest without Comparison and most admirable Work which the Hand of God hath brought about upon Earth in these latter Days, is, the Reformation of Religion from Antichristian Pollution and Tyranny, no other could been expected from the furious Prince of the bottomless Pit, but extream Opposition to this so great a Detriment and so high a Prejudice to his tottering Kingdom. How many so called Princes, States and wicked Rulers, hath he stirred up, to persecute and prosecute with Fire and Sword to the cruellest Deaths, the innocent Witnesses of the Truths of CHRIST. Also how many learned Divines, and Persons of notable Parts hath he bewitched with his Inchantments, to spend their Spirits and precious Time in maintaining by Might and Main, Word and Writing, the most palpable and grossest Absurdities and Abominations of that accursed *Romish* Idol, with it's
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Limbs and Members: The wicked Sectaries, who in the Darkness of our Deformation are creeping out of their Dens and Holes, as so many Locusts out of the Bottomless Pit of Hell, seducing and deceiving, if it were possible, the very Elect.

But the chief Artifice, whereby this wicked and crafty Serpent hath most impeded and hindred the Progress of the Gospel and the Advancement of glorious CHRIST'S Kingdom in the World, is his powerful working in the Children of Disobedience, in begetting and maintaining that most pernicious, irrational and slavish Principle amongst Mankind, *viz.* The owning, maintaining and submitting their Necks, to the heavy Yokes of cruel Tyrants and Usurpers, as their lawful and rightful Rulers; a Principle so brutish in itself, so contrary to right Reason, to Liberty, Property; to their Freedom as Men, and to Conscience as Christians: And above all, so flatly opposite to the Precepts in the Word of God, and wickedly palliating all such brutish Compliance, with this pitiful Quirk, that Magistracy is founded on Nature.

And wonder it is, how Men endued with rational Souls, having the Exercise of Reason and in their right Wits, should be so far deluded and blinded with the *God* of the World, as to entertain such a destructive Principle, so visibly ruinous to both Civil and Religious Interests, amongst Men and Christians.

And that corrupted Nature, since the Fall of *Adam* should be the Ground and Foundation of civil Magistracy is a *Paradox*, and a Tenet as false, as it is Blasphemous for to introduce corrupt Nature (and set aside the Law and Word of GOD) as the Rule to erect and own Civil Magistrates, is no other, but to lean to the Covenant of Works, and neglect and lay aside that of Grace. And it is manifest and obvious to all Mankind, what woful Effects corrupt Nature (for there is no other since the Fall) hath brought forth in the World where Grace hath been wanting. But we shall have Occasion to touch a little on this Point afterwards.

Now altho' we have, in our former Declarations at every emergent and distinguishing Event, testified against all the Tyranny, Bloodshed, Usurpations and Defections both of old and of late, done in these Lands, and by all Ranks and Degrees in it, and also sufficiently and plainly declared our Principles and Judgment, what Ministers and Magistrates we would and should have, and all the Land should embrace, and what Qualifications they ought to be endued with, that should govern and rule over these covenanted Lands : Yet we think it our Duty at this Time, further to declare against the late Transactions and cruel Tragedies that hath been acted in these Lands, and especially in *Scotland*, by the two young Pretenders CHARLES and WILLIAM, for altho' like *Sampson's* Foxes, their Heads are asunder anent their different worldly Interests, yet their Tails are unite about the Dragon's Neck ; they belong to one Family, viz. Antichrist's, they drive one Design, viz. bearing down and ruining the Work of God in these Lands, and altho' they be two Factions, yet they serve but one grand Master, under whose Banner they acted all these Barbarities and Cruelties in this Land of late.

Against all which, we, as true Presbyterians ; owning the whole Word of God to be our Rule, and all the Parts and Pieces of our Reformation agreeable thereunto, our Covenants and all the Testimonies given for the same,

Declares, and by these Presents do testify and declare against CHARLES pretended Prince of *Wales*, &c. his invading our Land with seven Men and a few Arms, and their erecting his Standard, and gathering a Rout of People about it, a promiscuous Multitude of ignorant, covetous, pilfering Crew ! without ever declaring what Religion or Principle he held, nor would give sufficient Security for the true Religion, but only his bare Word to settle Prelacy in *England*, and a Toleration of all Religions in *Scotland* ; both which are sinful, and contrary to the Word of God and our holy Covenants, &c. and his going through the Land with his Malignants,

nants, to the Terror of the Inhabitants, interrupting and hindering Commerce and Business.

2dly, We testify against the proclaiming of his Father to be King, by the Title of *James* the Eighth, when 'tis notourly known that he is an avowed *Papist*, and a Limb of *Antichrist*, abjured by us in our Covenants, and being contrary to the Word of God, and the righteous Laws of the Land, to admit, or set up an Idolater over us, which all *Papists* are.

3dly, We declare against his gathering and uplifting Taxes and Cesses through the Land, and applying the same to support his Invasion ! When the said Taxes belongs neither to him nor the Occupant upon the Throne, but only to a true Gospel Magistracy, having Scripture and Covenant-Qualifications, being a Terror to Evil-doers, and a Praise to them that do well.

4thly, We declare against his seizing upon, and taking all the Arms he could find in Towns and Country, and the Ammunition and other Implements of War ; and therewith arming his Malignants, to put them in a Capacity to distress the Land, and bear down the Work of God in the same.

5thly, We bear Testimony against his forcibly seizing upon, and arbitrarily commanding the Inhabitants of the Land, to bring in their Horses and Carriages for his Service, to the great Loss and Hinderance of poor Labourers of the Ground, in their lawful Business ; on the Diligence of which, depends theirs and their Families Livelihood ; and any Interruption of that Kind, must be a very signal Detriment to them.

6thly, Moreover, we declare against all the unsound Principles and sinful Practices of that malignant Party, and the Enmity they have at the Power of Godliness, and their abusing and vilipending all the prime Instruments of the Reformation, both at Home and Abroad, which is a shrewd Sign, that they are very bad Protestants ; and that both their Principles and Design hath a Tendency to introduce *Papery* and arbitrary Power again to these Lands : Also, we reckon it a great Vice in CHARLES, his foolish Pity and Lenity, in sparing these

these profane, blasphemous Red-coats, that Providence delivered into his Hand, when by putting them to Death, this poor Land might have been eased of the heavy Burden of these Vermin of Hell; and he would have had fewer to have foughten against him, and guarding his People to the Gallows, the fatal Consequences of which is found in the Epilogue, &c.

In the next Place, we come to touch a little at the other Faction of the malignant Party, that adheres to, and supports the present unhappy Government, no less Enemies to, Hinderers and Retarders of the Work of God in the Land, and Supporters of the Kingdom of *Antichrist*, and the Pillars thereof, than the other Faction are.

1st, The Occupant upon the Throne to secure himself in his Usurpation, and for Wordly-ends, hath joined Issue and Interest with two of the most Idolatrous and Bloody Limbs of *Antichrist*, that is upon the Face of the Earth, (*viz.*) the cursed *Jezebel* of *Austria*, and the little fierce Tyger of *Savoy*, to his everlasting Ignominy, and the Disgrace of the Protestant Religion, which wicked and sinful Confederacy with Idolaters, is contrary to the whole Word of God, and our sacred Covenants, and the Practice of the Godly in our purest Times; for which Cause, We, as before, do detest, abhor; testify and declare against all such Confederacies, and all other his Male-Administrations.

2^{dly}, The Occupant, to shew himself a real Step-Father to these Lands, did authorise his Son *William*, pretended Duke of *Cumberland*, to invade *Scotland* with a hellish Crew of Red-coats, who came in as Vermin, in Shoals from *Flanders* and *England*; as if the Flood-gates of Hell had been opened, bellowing forth their horrid Curses and blasphemous Oaths, and robbing, stealing, and ruining all where ever they came, sheltering all their Villanies with this Nick-name, ye are Rebels, tho' never so innocent: When its notour to all, that they are the greatest Rebels against God and the Laws of the Land, and even Humanity its self, that ever the Sun saw. All which, we testify against, &c.

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3dly, We resent the Madness of Professors of several Denominations, who took such Vipers into their Bosoms, by giving them Horses in their Journeyings, feeding them with Meat, Drink, and Spirits, and joining in Arms with them to help to destroy their own Country: And all the Return these ungrateful Beasts of Prey made, was setting Fire to several Places in *Edinburgh* (but was happily quenched) and they burnt the Palace of *Linlithgow* out of Malice, and plundered even their Benefactors, as well as others, and brake down Windows, and other Mischiefs, too long here to relate.

4thly, We resent the unjust Invasion of our Land, by a People of a strange Language, and of as strange Aspects, from *Germany*, who defiled the Land with their Whoredoms (being mad unclean Beasts) and to compleat the Misery of the Land, they did grievously insult, beat, and male-treat many of the Inhabitants of the Country where they passed; and as the Caterpillars that did devour what the Locusts left, they carried a vast deal of Spoil and Plunder with them into *Germany*, to the impoverishing and ruining of the poor Country, &c.

5thly, We testify and declare against the Progress and Behaviour of the Red-coat Army under *William* their furious Leader: For no sooner they passed the River of *Forth*, than they began to make Havock of all; raging like fierce Tygers, plundering Houses, and burning others, with the Barns and Barn-yards full of Victual, and clearing the Fields of Cattle, and rousing them, with other Goods, on the Sabbath Day in the Inch of *Perth*, as they had their Plays and Diversions on the other Inch, on the same Day; and the same Course of Destruction and Devastation they followed, till they came to *Aberdeen*, and there they settled a while, glutting themselves with the Spoil of the Country, cursing and blaspheming the Name of GOD, mocking and insulting their Reprovers, and horribly profaning the Sabbath by Idleness and Gaming and other Debaucheries, in contempt of GOD and Man, as if they

they would defy Heaven, and mock at Hell as a Scarecrow; and all this Wickedness was allowed and committed by the Example of their Duke, who disdained to be present at any Sort of Worship, all the Time he was in *Scotland*, but wrought all Manner of Wickedness with Greediness, and with a high Hand.

6thly, We utterly abhorre and declare against all the horrid Cruelty, Barbarity, and Inhumanity, committed after the Battle of *Culloden*, upon the wounded and innocent by these Monsters of Men, the bloody Red-coats, and their more than brutal Leaders, who, in cold Blood, most barbarously murdered the wounded, by running their Swords and Baynots in the Hearts and Bellies of some, and knocking the Brains out of others with their Muskets, and instigating the Red-coat's Strumpets and Servants to do the like; and massacred the unarmed By-standers, who came to look on, and behold how the Matter went; and besides, they killed a 100 amongst the Planting, in the Parks of *Culloden*, the Day after the Action was over, in cold Blood (like arrant Cowards) and then like incarnate Devils, they raged through the Country, murdering Women and Children, and old infirm Men in many Places; and burning others in Barns, and in their Houses, without Distinction of Age or Sex: And likewise these bloody Burriers hanged up Numbers wherever they came, upon Trees and other Places, and some they hung by the Chin, to torment them with a lingering Death, and then sporting themselves at the Agony and Misery of the poor unfortunate Creatures, and others they hung up by the Thumbs, and then whipped them to Death in a most cruel Manner, and even some little Children, who died soon after their whipping. A Barbarity scarcely to be found amongst *Turks* and *Tartars*, but only in the *Spanish* Inquisition, from whom they seem to have copied after, and imitated in all their Cruelties: Moreover, after they had satiate themselves in their Barbarities upon their Fellow-creatures, they fell upon their Goods and Houses, burning and destroying, and laying waste whole

whole Country-fides, leaving no Sufenance, either for Man or Beast, but the Grafs of the Fields, whereby Multitudes have perished with Famine and Want, and many found dead in Caves and Huts, and in the Fields, with Grafs in their Mouths; and all these horrid Tragedies were acted in this Land, by the special Command of their inhumane Duke, whom the flattering Time serving Ministers, blasphemously call a Saviour and Deliverer; but far rather, and more truly should be termed *Abaddon*, a Destroyer, or a second *Nero*, since his Actions are more agreeable to the latter than the former.

7thly, We resent the unnatural Babarity of these wicked *Scots*, that assisted the cruel Duke and his swearing malicious *English* to Butcher their Country-men, and waste and destroy their Lands and Goods, when they ought far rather to have helped to cleanse the Land of such Vermin, who have robbed and polluted the same with their blasphemous Errors and other Vices, and then to have entered *England*, and thereto made Reprisals sufficiently to indemnifie our selves for all the Wrongs, Injuries, Injustice, Robberies and Spoils they have done, and made from Time to Time upon poor *Scotland*, for some Hundreds of Years together, which would have brought Praise and Fame with it, whereas the other Course and Practice brings Shame Disgrace and Ignominy, which cannot be easily wiped off.

8thly, We assert the free Independency of *Scotland*, and resent the horrid Injury done to her by our hereditary Enemies the *English*, in leading *Scotsmen* Prisoners to *England*, (be their Crimes what they will) and there, judging, condemning and Executing them as they have done ever since the wicked and accursed Union, when we have juster and better Laws (if duely put in Execution,) to try and punish Criminals in our own Land, than they have or can pretend to; and it is notoriously known that these *English* Judges acted rather as raging Enemies in judging and giving Sentence, than upright Men upon a Bench, and their admitting and sustaining villanous wicked Persons to be Witnes-
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les in their Trials, Men void of Truth or Honesty, being the very Scum and Garbage of *Scotland*, as their Jury were picked out of Jail-birds and other Vermine, the very Scum of *England*; so the poor Creatures were cheated out of their Lives, and rather killed as *Scots*, than as Criminals; and altho' many of them deserved Death for their other Crimes and Wickedness, and therefore just in the sight of GOD; yet it being for none of these Crimes that they are put to Death by them: Therefore it follows, that the false Witnesses, the wicked Jury, and unjust Judges, and especially the idolatrous Occupant upon the Throne, are guilty of Murther and Bloodshed, when he Heaven-daringly presumes to pardon all Sorts of horrid and capital Crimes, and Treason against the Majesty of Heaven and Earth, which no Mortal has Right to do, under the Pain of Damnation, and yet puts Men to Death for Treason against himself, which he only and alone hath Power to Pardon.

9thly, We testify against that fearful mocking of GOD, in pretending to the making of Laws against Swearing and Cursing, and yet puts none of them in Execution, against no Sort of Persons whatsoever, who are guilty in a most grievous Manner; and in Particular, their Armies, who surpasses all the Armies and People of the Earth in this Vice; and all by the Encouragement and Example of their profane Duke, who is reckoned the most bloody and blasphemous Swearer in *Britain*, as he is the Chief and Pattern of all other horrible Vices and Crimes and so deserves the highest Punishment, yet he and his most wicked and profane Army, not only escapes Punishment (which they richly deserve) but are caressed and rewarded, and encouraged by the profane State, and flattered by the *Antichristian* and *Laodicean* Churches, which cannot fail, but to bring the tremendous Wrath of a holy and a jealous GOD upon a Land of such Abominations and Wickedness as this.

10thly, Finally, we testify and declare against all the Errors of *Popery*, *Prelacy* and *Eraastianism*, and the
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Sectaries; and against all their Male-practices, the Wrong and Injuries that they have done to the Work, Cause, and People of GOD, both of old and of late, in these Lands, and against that wicked and *Sectarian* Error, spread and propagated with violent Passion, that Dominion is founded upon mere Nature, exclusive of Grace, and the Word and Law of GOD given by Grace to the Church, and to Mankind, to be the Square Rule and Rectitude, to erect and set up his Ordinances in Church and State. When the Institution as well as the Qualifications of Magistrates are so clearly revealed and fully expressed therein. And it is certain, That when the Fall of *Adam* commenced, if no Mediator had been provided nor interveened, the World and all Nature now wholly corrupted, had been destroyed, by Virtue of the Threatning for the Breach of the first Covenant, but the second Covenant taking Place, which is of Grace in the Hand of CHRIST the Mediator between GOD and Man: And therefore it follows, that the World subsists and is sustained by Grace, and is governed by the Grace of his Providence; and the Angels that stood, are confirmed by Grace, and all that we receive, or enjoy, or are promised to be possessed of is of Grace; and therefore the holy Ordinance of Magistracy is founded on Grace (and not on corrupt Nature) external Grace we mean (*viz.*) Scripture-qualifications plainly expressed in the Word of GOD, as well as the Institution, as said is: And it is strange, that the Mediator GOD Man, should be appointed to judge the World, and yet have no concern to rule and govern the same, as these *Sectaries* dream: But we aver, with *Prov.* viii. Chap. and many other Scriptures that our exalted Prince and Saviour is Head over all Principalities and Powers, as well as of the Church: And is KING of Nations, as well as King of Saints, and is KING of Kings, and LORD of Lords, as well as King in Zion, and hath the Government upon his Shoulders, and all Powers in Heaven and in Earth is committed to him, even because he is the Son of Man,

and is *GOD* equal with the *FATHER* in Power and Glory. Now, to close up all, we would counsel and advise you, both Parties of Malignants, to lay aside your prejudice and Malice against the Cause and People of God; and you old Malignants, lay aside your Idol of Hereditary Right, which is the Ground and Basis of all Tyranny. And you Revolution Malignants, lay aside your Parliament Right, which is built upon, Usurpation and Oppression; and take on both of you with Scripture-right, which only is permanent, and will abide Test and Trial in the Day of Accounts; and upon your Repentance and Reformation, we invite you both to join Issue and Interest, Heart and Hand with us, to erect and set up, maintain and defend, a pure, holy, Christian, Protestant, Presbyterian Magistracy, who will be a Terror and Punisher of Evil-doers, and a Supporter and Encourager of those that do well: But if any, or both of you, should disdain or reject this good Counsel (as we fear ye will) then be it known unto you, that it will be Bitterness in the latter End to you all, and your Enterprises shall not prosper, so as to bring Peace to these Lands, or to your own Consciences in a Dying-hour; and the Cause and Course that you both maintain and carry on, with so high a Hand at present, will be found to be fighting against God, kicking against the Pricks, and running upon the thick Bosses of his Buckler, which will certainly procure the heavy Wrath of the everlasting GOD upon your Persons, Families, and Estates, and that speedily, except ye repent.

We shall make one brief Observation more, which is obvious to all that will see, that since the pretended Deliverance from the Highland Army and the expected Reformation, that was to follow thereupon, the quite contrary appears: For all manner of Sin, Iniquity and Abomination, are ten Times increased and on the growing Hand; the hellish, Pagan, Juggler Plays, are set up and frequented with more Impudence and Audacity than ever, altho' near twelve Months before they durst not one of them be seen here, and more

contempt of GOD, and blaspheming his holy Name, more boasting and leaning to the Arm of Flesh, and more numerous, open and bare-faced are Bawdy-houses kept and haunted without controul or Punishment than ever before, and idle, Hellish, drunken Clubs are set up and frequented even by some Ministers, to the Disgrace and Shame of their Office and Calling and just Contempt of their Persons ; and more Security, Pride, and Cruelty, Inhumanity, and Lying, and Flattering than before ; and add to all these Wickednesses, besides the robbing, stealing, plundering, butchering and blaspheming of the Red-coat Army already mentioned, their polluting and defiling the whole Land wherever they come, with their abominable Whoredoms and other Uncleanesses, by not only enticing Maids and Matrons to their cursed Lust, but committing by Force, horrible Rapes upon many Women through the Land, and some dying amongst their Hands, and others expiring soon after the Abuse they receive, and others lose their Wits and Senses for Grief and Horrour of the Injury done to them ; and all this, and many more unparalleled Abominations are committed by these Monsters of Men the Red-coats, and that without any Check, Controul or Punishment. These are the Fruits of our boasted of Deliverance, which cannot but fill up the Measure of our Cup, and provock an angry GOD to hasten his righteous Judgments, that whosoever heareth it, both his Ears shall tingle.

I. H.

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Let King JESUS reign, and let all his Enemies be scattered.

A DECLAR-

A DECLARATION and TESTIMONY against that sinful Practice of the observation of Birth Days, for any Rulers, and especially that of the *British* Occupant, on *October 30th, &c.*

AMONGST the many great and grievous Sins and Snares of the Day, and Defection of the Land, that wicked and Antichristian Practice, the Observation of the Nativity or Birth-Day of prophane Usurpers, the so called Kings and Rulers of these Lands, are not the least; a Practice so void and destitute of all Scripture-Warrant, or imitable Example amongst well governed Kingdoms, or Common-wealths, of pure and right constitute Churches, that 'tis strange that any professing true Christianity should be found guilty of keeping up so childish, foolish and sinful a Custom, which is purely *Pagan*, both in the Invention and Practice thereof, it being amongst their Idolatrous Revels, and Service done to *Bacchus*, and blind Obedience and superstitious Devotion paid to their Heroes and Princes, whom they often Deified and worshipped upon such Days, not only with civil, but religious Adoration, which might be a Mean to deter any true Christian from such scandalous and sinful Courses, flowing from so bad a Fountain and corrupt Original; seeing we are strictly forbidden in the Divine Word, to imitate, in any Sort, the prophane *Heathens* in their sinful Customs, Ways and Practices: But if any should be so mad and void of all Shame and Modesty as to alledge for their Ground the Example of the *Pagan Egyptian Pharaohs*, the first Persecutor of the Church, or the Practice of *Herod* an Apostate from the Church, who murdered the fore-runner of CHRIST on his unhappy Birth-Day. I say, if they so do, they had far better renounce the Name, as well they have done

done the Practice of Christianity, and inroll themselves with the *Pagan* Idolaters, seeing they so willingly and wickedly follow their Example and Pattern; for other warrantable Grounds they have none.

'Tis truly surprizing, that this Laodicean Church, nor none of its Branches issuing out or seceding from them; hath not at any Time nor in any Way testified against, nor shewn their dislike at so extravagant and antiscriptural a Practice, but rather encourages it, concurs with, Homologates and joins in the same abominable sinful Course and Custom, with the Loose and prophane, to their great Shame and Disgrace: Besides the Way and Manner of observing these Birth-Days, is detestable and ought to be abhorred by all sober Christians, as their spending so much precious Time in the Height of Madness, revelling, and sinful rejoicing for a Thing of nought, Idleness, Drunkenness, and all Manner of Prophanity and Debauchries, as also the needless Waste and Profusion of many of the Necessaries of Life, with the unaccountable Superfluity of Lights and Illuminations upon Windows, &c. All which would be far better bestowed upon charitable Uses, when the Cry and Necessity of the poor and needy are so great and clamant, &c. But to have all that Heathenish Distractions in the middle, or just at the Time of celebrating the Holy Sacrament of the LORD's Supper, is most dreadful, and has scarce a Parallel any where but in *Edinburgh*; and adds greatly to the Guilt of the other Abuses, and to them that commands, or allow it at such a Time, &c.

Now if all, or any Part of this extravagant Work; were done, to put Respect and Honour upon a good pious, and well deserving Prince, it might give some Colour of Excuse for such a Practice, altho' it would not even then become a Duty, nor on that Account, cease to be a Sin, seeing it wants the Divine Authority of a Command and Precept, or the imitable Example of any of the Godly Kings and Rulers, either in Old or New Testament for its Ground or Warrant; but on the other

ther Hand, to be guilty of so much Madneſs, Diſtraction, Waſte of Time and Means, fooliſh Rejoicings, and all the Wickedneſs and Debaucheries that follow thereupon, (as we hinted above) for a vile Perſon, ſo ill deſerving, as is the preſent *British* Occupant, is indeed molt ſhocking, he being an implacable Enemy to all true Religion, and a Maintainer of a falſe, a Tyrant in Principle and Practice in murdering his Subjects, whom he ought to defend, by pardoning their Murderers whom he ought to execute without reſpect of Perſons; ſo the Crime becomes his, and the Guilt thereof intailed upon him and his Poſterity. Alſo his horrid Oppreſſion by heavy Taxes, to maintain a Crew of Penſioners, Whores, Panders, and uſeleſs foreign Troops; his wicked Life of Whoredom, Gaming and Prophanation of the LORD's Day, in many Reſpects; but eſpecially making and commanding the reading of bloody and barbarous Acts on the Holy Sabbath, and for a whole Year together, in contempt of all Religion and Morality itſelf, and uſurping the Supremacy of the Son of God, that is the alone King, Head and Lawgiver to his Church, &c. And keeping the Iron Yoke of Patronages on the Church's Neck, and making other wicked Laws, Oaths, and Snares to the Conſciences, and executing them with Rigour; as alſo his authoriſing and patroniſing the keeping and obſerving his own unhappy Birth day, who was born a Plague and a Scourge to theſe Lands for our Sins: And all the Lovers of Truth and Liberty, have Cauſe to mourn and lament on the 30th of *October*, rather than to rejoice, at our Miſery, Calamity and the preſent and impendent Judgments, &c.

Finally, Upon all which Grounds and Reaſons, and many more that might be adduced, we as Men and Chriſtians, do teſtify and declare againſt the keeping and obſerving the Nativity and Birth-Days of any Rulers whatſoever, and eſpecially that of the Occupant upon the Throne of *Britain*, as being a prophane, ſuperſtitious, wicked *Pagan* Rite and Cuſtom, and the Cauſe and Occaſion of much Loofneſs, Sin and Wickedneſs,

as said is. We likewise bear Testimony against all the other Defections, Heaven-daring Wickedness, Prophanity, Perjury and Blood, that these Lands are guilty of, and lying under; for which we may expect such tremendous Judgments to be poured out for the same, that whosoever heareth it, both his Ears shall tingle.

J. H.

Let King JESUS Reign, and let all his Enemies be scattered, Amen.

Edinburgh, October, 26th, 1741.

AN ACCOUNT OF BURNING the ABJURATION-OATH, and some ACTS authorising and im- posing the Same, &c.

FORASMUCH as this Oath, called the Oath of Abjuration, doth virtually abjure the Solemn League and Covenant, in their swearing to maintain and admit of such only, as do oppose the said Covenant, and Work of Reformation, that these Lands are obliged unto, in the swearing to oppose all, but such as shall be sworn to extirpate without Respect of Persons: Also this wicked Oath, being inconsistent with the holy Scriptures, with our national Covenant, with our pure *Presbyterian* Principles, and the laudable Laws of this Land, betwixt 1638 and 1650, and yet, is this Day taken by many perjured Men, that call themselves *Presbyterian* Ministers.

We

We do therefore, in Testimony of our Abhorrence of the said Oath, and in Contempt of the like Indignity, done of Old to the Covenant in this bloody City, burn the said Oath of Abjuration, with the Acts enjoining the same, and this we do in the Name of all, who will own and approve the Fact, with the Reasons expressed or implied herein, which all the Land should do in a more judicial and publick Manner.

At the Cross of *Edinburgh* this 28 Day of *October* 1712.

WHILE the said Oath and Acts were burning on the Point of a Dagger at the Cross, and going up the high Street, these Words following were proclaimed with a loud Voice, *viz.*

Let King JESUS reign, and all his Enemies be scattered, no Abjuration-Oath, no Oath but the Covenant's; down with Popery, Prelacy and Erastianism, and up with true Presbytery and the Covenants.

J. H.

A PREDICTION of the Eminent and Famous Mr. **ROBERT McWARD** Minister of the Gospel.

THUS he begins, O *Britain! O Scotland!* bold unto and bent to Backsliding, the Wrath of God, and thy Woe seem to be upon the Wing! And alas, I am afraid that this crowning and crimson Wickedness: The LORD GOD Almighty is making a Way to his Anger, and preparing the Nation for a Sacrifice to expiate, in the Sight of the World, our Perjury

jury, Defection and Heaven-daring Abominations and Provocations. Alas? I am afraid that the Sword of the LORD, which is near to be drawn, will avenge the Quarrel of his Covenant, that the Contributors, as well as the stated Party of Contrivers, Decreers and cruel Executors of these Decreers, may fall under the Blow of the furbished Sword of the LORD GOD, and that Land of such Abominations may be swept of its Inhabitants, with the Besom of Destruction, and socked with the Blood of those, who instead of contending for CHRIST, have by this Payment of Cessafociate with his stated, his declared and implacable Enemies, whose rage is come up before him, and will bring him down to take Revenge. Alas, my Fears, my Fears are multiplied upon me, that this War shall not only at last land in *Britain*, but that he hath been all this while training up a Militia abroad, breeding them in Blood, and teaching them how to be skilful to destroy against the Time; he gave orders to march and put the flaming Sword in their Hand to be bathed in the Blood of backsliding *Britain*; O! if our Turning unto him, that he might turn away from his Fierceness of his Anger, might prevent that woful Day; but since, instead of any turning unto him, we surpass the Deeds of the Heathen, and out do in Wickedness all that went before us, and proceed with a Petulancy reaching unto Heaven from Evil to worse; I am afraid that all the Blood-shed since the Sword was drawn in the Nations about, all the sacked Cities, all the burnt Drops and Villages, all the wasted Countries, all the Slain of the LORD by Sea and Land; all the Pillagings, Rapes Murders, Out-rages (which Rage itself could hardly out-do) all the horrid and inhumane Cruelties that have been committed during this bloody War (wherein the Sea hath been dyed, and the Land as it were drowned with the Blood of the Slain) all the truculent and treacherous Murders of that Monster *De-Aloa* in the Low Countries, all the incredible Cruelties of the *Guises*, and the Blood shed in the Massacres of

France;

France ; all the Tortures that the People of the LORD have been put to in the Vallies of *Piedmont* by that little fierce Tyger the Duke of *Savoy* ; all the Savages and barbarous Butcheries, of the *Irish* Massacres shall be forgotten, or seem Things not to be mentioned in one Day, when what shall be done in *Britain* comes to be remembred. O *Britain* ! O *Britain* ! of all Nations under the Cope of Heaven, most ripe for the Sickle of Vengeance. shall this Throne of Iniquity which hath framed so many Mischiefs into Laws, and all that are Complices, in this wicked Conspiracy who now are gathering themselves together against the Souls of the Righteous, and condemning the innocent Blood ; be able to save its Subjects, when he comes to make Inquisition for that Blood ? Or shall the Sovereign's Calling in all from 60 to 16, be able to support the Throne. Alas ! in vain shall they offer to draw up, and draw the Sword to defend, when the LORD GOD of Hosts draws his Sword, to accomplish upon them, the Vengeance written and wrapped up in these Words, *He shall bring upon them their own Iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own Wickedness ; yea, the LORD our GOD shall cut them off.* And it shall come to pass, in that Day, escape, who will, profane and professing Gentlemen and others, who in this have complied with the Rulers, shall not escape : Then shall they pay for this Payment of the wicked Cess ; when the Storm of his Displeasure shall be observed to fall particularly upon their House, Interests and Estates. , Who can think upon the Wickedness with just Aggravations, and imagine the righteous LORD will proportion his Judgment to the Hainousness of our Guilt, and his Revenges to the Rage whereby he and his CHRIST hath been and are opposed and take other Measures.

Thus far the Great M^r WARD.

A DECLARATION and TESTIMONY against, and **INHIBITION** of the Fast for Hell, proclaimed and appointed by the sacrilegious and malignant Powers, to be observed on the 9th of *January* 1740. by all the Prelatical and Erastian Synagogues in *Britain*, &c.

IF ever there was a Time wherein the **LORD** called for fasting and mourning, and girding with Sackcloth, and lying low in the Dust before him, and renting the Heart and not the Garment, and taking Shame and Confusion of Face to ourselves, for all our Heaven-daring Abominations and Perjuries, this is the Day and Time, a Day of Trial and treading down of the Work of **GOD**, *A Day of Perplexity from the LORD of Hosts, in the Valley of Vision*, a Day of Famine of the Word of Life ; a Day when the Flood-gates are opened to all Errors and unparalleled Wickedness, overflowing the whole Land, from one End to the other ; so that there is no Place clean.

In such a lamentable Case as this, 'tis high Time to awake from Sleep and Security, and to humble ourselves under his mighty Hand, and to take with us Words, and return again to him from whom we have departed, and against whom we have sinned, and to sanctify a Fast, and call a solemn Assembly, and gather the Elders, and all the Inhabitants of the Land to weeping and wailing, and to tremble before him, if so be there may be Hope ; for the Day of the fierce Anger of the **LORD** of Hosts approacheth, 'tis nigh at Hand, &c.

But

But it must be such a Fast as he hath chosen, and will approve of and not to smite with the Fist of Wickedness, nor to pray for Success to one Limb of *Antichrist*, over another Limb of the same Body, the Fruit and Effect of which, would be a further Destruction of, and bearing down the Work and Cause of GOD in these Lands, and a settling themselves upon their Lees, and swelling in their Pride and Perjury, &c.

Since ever the glorious and exalted Mediator's Crown, Rights and Royal Dignities, his Supremacy in, and over his Church, which is his Body, were invaded and incroached upon by his malignant Enemies, their wanted not Witnesses to, and Contenders for that great and precious Truth of CHRIST's Kingly Office, and the Church of *Scotland* (above all others) in a special Manner, had that supereminent Truth bequeathed to her, as her Legacy, and resisted unto Blood, striving against Sin, and loved not their Lives unto the Death, that CHRIST'S Crown might flourish upon his Head, according to the Gift of the Father; and strenuously withstood and opposed all the sacriligious Robbers, and Usurpers of his just Power and Prerogative as King in *Zion*, and undoubted and uncontrollable Law-giver in his Church, and spared neither Blood nor Treasure, that they might transmit and hand down to Posterity, that Truth and Testimony to be embraced, maintained, and contended for till CHRIST'S second Coming in Glory to judge the Quick and the Dead, &c.

But since the unhappy Revolution, this unhappy Church hath not only yielded to, and tamely submitted to all the Invasions and Incroachments made upon the Royal Supremacy of JESUS CHRIST by the former and present malignant Usurpers thereof, and the holy Ordinance of Magistracy, but often-times hath thrust it upon these Misrulers, when they were neither seeking nor desiring it of them, as appears in the present Juncture anent this unhallowed Fast, as well as in former Times on the like Occasions.

If these demented Men called Ministers, had the least

least Sense of Sin and Duty, or knew the right Qualities of a Fast with the just and proper Causes thereof, and as the Exigencies of the Times, and the Height and Hainousness of our Sins require, these and the like Causes of Wrath would be the Matter of their Humiliation.

1st, The National Sins, or these of publick Judgment and Profession.

2^d, These of Life and Practice, either conniving at Sin, or liking or allowing thereof.

First, Briefly, These Sins are Causes of deep Humiliation; the owning and maintaining of a false and corrupt Magistracy, as the Fountain from whence all our Woes and Miseries do proceed, and was the Cause and Occasion of the publick Resolutions of State and Church, for bringing in the malignant Party to Places of Power and Trust, the bitter Fruits of which Sin remains to this Day.

2^{dly}, The overturning the Work of Reformation in the Year 1660, and most wickedly assuming the Supremacy of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, from whence flowed all the Tyranny, Murders and Persecutions of the LORD'S People; Breach of Covenants, Indulgence, Toleration, and perjurious Oaths, ever since of these Covenants during the late tyrannical Reigns.

3^{dly}, The Supremacy continued and exercised at the Revolution, in settling the Church upon an *Eraslian* Foundation, according to the Inclinations of a corrupt People, and the wicked *Formula*, together with the Oaths of Allegiance, and Assurance, the black Oath of Abjuration, the cursed Union with idolatrous *England*, with its Train of Evils and Miseries, with all the mock Fast since the Revolution, with other horrid Crimes, and Provocations too long here to relate; are Matters of Grief, Lamentation, Mourning and Wo.

Secondly, The Sins of Life and Practice are,

1st, *Atheism*, either denying of all, or some one of the Persons of the blessed Trinity, or living as if there were no GOD to judge and punish them.

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2^{dly}, Idolatry, in setting up, and conniving at Mass-Houses, and Stage-plays, and other false Worship, contrary to the Word of GOD, and to the Letter of their own Law.

3^{dly}, Unheard of cursing and swearing amongst all Ranks, for which the Land mourneth, and the pleasant Places thereof will be desolate.

4^{thly}, Notorious Sabbath-breaking, by Idleness, Drunkenness, and Gaming, and other sinful Ways, whereby a jealous GOD is provoked to fierce Wrath, and will in due Time pour it out upon the Land of such Abominations as these.

5^{thly}, Rebellion against GOD and the holy Ordinance of Magistracy and Ministry, taking the Shadow for the Substance, and yielding an implicate Faith, and blind Obedience to the present Occupants in State and Church.

6^{thly}, Not only the innocent Blood of the LORD's People of old, not yet purged away, by the Blood of them that shed it; but also many Murders committed in all Corners of the Land, by the bloody Military and others, and especially the Massacre in *Edinburgh*, in 1736, by wicked *Porteous*, the Cry of which innocent Blood reacheth into Heaven, calling for Vengeance upon the Authors and Abettors thereof.

7^{thly}, The almost universal Sin of Adultery and other Uncleanesses, from the Throne to the Dungehill, even many Ministers and Elders not accepted.

8^{thly}, Theft and Robbery, Oppression and grinding the Faces of the Poor, together with heavy Taxes to maintain a Crew of Villains and Panders for Hell.

9^{thly}, Monstrous lying, defrauding, false swearing in Witness-bearing, keeping back the Wages of the Hireling, and many other Sins of the like Nature are Causes of heavy Lamentation.

10^{thly}, The Sin of Covetousness which is Idolatry, and Hypocrisy, Formality, Self-seeking, Pride and deep Security under the Wrath-like Dispensation of the Day : To which may be added, the horrid Juggling

gling, and absurd Principles, and pernicious Practices of the Seceding false Brethren, and their mad and blind Loyalty to the blackest and bloodiest Throne upon the Earth. These and many other hainous Sins, and Transgressions are weighty Causes of Fasting and Humiliation ; yet all, or most of these Grounds and Causes ate designedly omitted in their unhallowed and mock Fast, and the main and only Cause in their Erastian Fast is, for Success to the most wicked and flagitious Army and Navy that's within the whole Universe, and this War is not against *Spain* as it is Idolatrous, (which would be a just Cause of War,) no, for *Spain* was their good Alley before, 'tis only against *Spain* for disturbing their Trade, (which is their God) and for chastizing the Robbers of their Plantations, THEREFORE the War on such Grounds is unlawful and unnecessary, and so consequently their Fast on that Account with its Causes are so too, and therefore will procure a Curse instead of a Blessing upon their Councils and Armies by Sea and Land, for GOD will not be mocked, but will be avenged on all them that take his Name in vain.

To conclude seeing, this wicked and sinful Fast is destitute of all the good Qualities of a true, lawful and necessary Fast, and comes directly from the corrupt Fountain of the malignant Court, and the Antichristian Knights of the Black-Order, the Bishops of *England*, by virtue of the usurped Supremacy, and their gaudy Manner of proclaiming the same by sound of Trumpet, and it having none of the weighty Causes of Fasting for which the LORD contends this Day with these Lands, as the Matter thereof, but stuffed with the false frivolous and foolish Causes, being neither weighty nor worthy, and which will rather provoke than appease an angry GOD, the Observation whereof is a Cause of Fasting and Humiliation.

Upon all which Gronnds and Reasons, and many more that might be added, we utterly renounce and disclaim this Fast on *January* 9th, as above, and Testifies

stifies and declares against the same, as a sinful and Wrath-procuring Fast: Yea, we inhibit and discharge all the Inhabitants of these three Lands from the Observation thereof, as they would avoid the Displeasure of Almighty GOD, and answer the Contrair at their utmost Peril.

Given at the Capital, on *January* 9th 1740, by the Lovers and Friends of Truth and Liberty.

On the Second of *January*, this Declaration was published on the Cross of *Edinburgh*, and on the 5th thereof on the High-Church there, and the Pier of *Leith*.

J. H.

P. S, As we have at diverse Times, and at several Occasions, testified and declared against all the Heaven-daring Wickednesses, Defections and Abominations that these Lands are guilty of, and continuing in: And especially against their horrible Conjunction, sinful Confederacy, and hellish Association: With the avowed, declared, and implacable Enemies of our Lord *JESUS CHRIST*, and his righteous Cause. (*viz*) The abominable, bloody, ravenous, tearing and devouring *German Eagle*, or the House of *Austria*; and the violent, virulent, rampant and destroying Tyger of *Savoy*. And now, to fill up their Measure, and to compleat their Wickedness, they have made a sinful, shameful, and scandalous Peace with *France* and *Spain*, other two raging bloody Vultures, and Limbs of *Antichrist*; and as Pledges of their Faith to keep and maintain that detestable and destructive Peace, they have sent Hostages in a shameful Manner to a faithless Nation, who never kept Faith to GOD nor Man; and

and they, as the Head, disdains to send any to *Britain*, who is now become the Tail, and a Laughing-stock to all the Nations round about for Perfidy, &c.

And to crown all, as if all the Waste of Blood by Sea and Land, and the Substance of the Nation spent to maintain an useless, sinful and destroying War, and to bribe and buy a scandalous Peace, were not enough to fill up the Cup of their Iniquity; but they must, in a fearful Manner, mock GOD, by appointing and proclaiming a Thanksgiving Day for that wicked and shameful Peace with the Slaves and Vassals of *Satan* and the *Pope*, &c.

So we, as Men and Christians, do detest, abhor; testify and declare against the Observation of that sinful and mock Thanksgiving on *April* 25th, 1749, for the black and dismal Grounds and Ends 'tis appointed for, and the corrupt Fountain it flows from, (*viz.*) the wickedly usurped Supremacy: And as often before, against all Sorts of Defections, Invasions and Incroachments made upon the Crown and dignity of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, who is King and Head of his Church, and Rules and Governs the World as Mediator, and will judge and condemn his Enemies, and will break them that will not bow to his Scepter, *Amen.*

Let King JESUS Reign, and all his Enemies be scattered.

J—n H—n.

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